

Caltrans maintenance crews clear snow from SR88, Amador County.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News - Significant Events

Widespread flooding hits Missouri, Illinois with rivers still rising

(Reuters) Rain-swollen rivers across Missouri were still rising on Wednesday, with widespread flooding forcing the evacuation of hundreds of people, closing part of a major interstate highway and threatening to wash out scores of structures. At least 13 people have died in Missouri since the weekend, when days of downpours from a massive winter storm system triggered the worst flooding in two decades, Governor Jay Nixon said. "It's very clear that Missouri is in the midst of a very historic and dangerous flooding event," Nixon said during a Tuesday news conference. Several major rivers and tributaries in Missouri and Illinois were poised to crest at record levels, the National Weather Service said. Some of the rivers would continue to rise until Saturday. At the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, about 20 miles (32 km) north of St. Louis, residents of the towns West Alton and Arnold were told to evacuate on Tuesday. Flooding in the middle portion of the Mississippi River and its tributaries may reach the highest levels in recorded history, the forecasting site AccuWeather said. The U.S. Coast Guard closed a five-mile (8 km) stretch of the Mississippi River near St. Louis to all vessel traffic due to hazardous conditions. The floodwaters have forced the closured of roadways and highways, including a portion of Interstate 44, a major highway that runs from west Texas to St. Louis, the Missouri Department of Transportation said on Wednesday. Sewage has been flowing into the fast-rising Meramec River near St. Louis since Monday, when floodwater disabled a sewer treatment plant, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported. Governor Bruce Rauner on Tuesday issued a state disaster proclamation for seven counties to help with response and recovery.

International News - Significant Events

Iran conducts 'provocative' live rocket tests near US ships

(BBC) Iran's navy conducted rocket tests last week near US warships and other commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, the American military has said. The tests threaten to cause new tensions between the two nations following their landmark nuclear deal. Iran fired "several unguided rockets" about 1,370m (1,500 yards) from two US vessels and a French frigate, US military spokesman Kyle Raines said. The tests were "highly provocative", said Raines. The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow waterway between Iran and Oman that provides passage for nearly a third of all oil traded by sea. The strait is also crucial for ships taking part in the war against so-called Islamic State. In 2012 Iran threatened to block the strait, which lies at the entrance of the Gulf and is 33km (21 miles) wide at its narrowest point. The latest incident, which took place on Saturday according to the US, follows a series of weapons tests by the Islamic Republic. Iranian media and officials did not immediately comment on the reports. Iranian ships announced over maritime radio their intention to carry out the test 23 minutes before the missiles were fired. "Firing weapons so close to passing coalition ships and commercial traffic within an internationally recognized maritime traffic lane is unsafe, unprofessional and inconsistent with international maritime law," Raines said. The US Navy's 5th Fleet is based in nearby Bahrain, on the southern coast of the Gulf. It conducts anti-piracy patrols in the greater Gulf and serves as a regional counterbalance to Iran. Iran signed a landmark nuclear deal in July with six world powers led by the US to limit the Islamic Republic's enrichment of uranium in exchange for lifting economic sanctions. However, this year Iran broadcast footage of a missile attack on a mock-up of a US aircraft carrier and aired film on state TV of an underground missile base.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Eastbound I-80 Blockage, Berkeley, Alameda County

- At approximately 0347 hours on 12/30/15, a 5 vehicle injury/accident occurred which closed 4 lanes of Eastbound I-80 at University Avenue, Berkeley, Alameda County.
- Heavy traffic congestion occurred due to the closure.
- At approximately 0455 hours the roadway was cleared and all lanes were re-opened.

Gas Outage, Discovery Bay, Contra Costa County

- PG&E experienced a service disruption in the gas facilities that serve customers in Discovery Bay. In order to make the needed repairs, they temporarily suspended gas service to some customers in this area. Repairs have been made as they continue to restore gas service as safely and quickly as possible.
- PG&E, Contra Costa OES and Red Cross and have opened up two warming centers, offering residents meals and a warm place to sleep:
 - Timber Point elementary school 40 Newberry Lane in Discovery Bay, 925-809-7550
 - Discovery Bay Community Center 1601 Discovery Bay Blvd in Discovery Bay, 925-392-4575
- PG&E gas service representatives went door to door Monday in some locations, visited all impacted customers and restored service to 4,500 customers.
- If customers without gas service would like to schedule a restoration visit, please call 1-800-743-5000.
- Contra Costa OES did not activate their EOC. They monitored the situation and worked with ARC and PG&E to open the warming centers. They did not request any state assistance.

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- A dry air mass and light winds will allow overnight temperatures to drop to very low values across most coast and valley locations of Southwest California. The Ojai Valley is expected to be the coldest of the valleys, along with the area between Thousand Oaks to Woodland Hills, where lows in the mid-20s are expected. The Central Coast, Santa Barbara South Coast, Ventura Coast, and San Gabriel Valley will see temperatures near to just above freezing.
- Freeze and Hard Freeze Warnings in effect until 0900 this morning for areas in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Some light precipitation will be possible this morning as a weakening frontal system sinks south. Dry and cold conditions are expected through the rest of the work week.

Medford Weather:

This morning the remnant low level circulation associated with the overnight frontal system remains offshore in the coastal waters. The deeper moisture continues to push southeastward as the mid and upper level cold pool move into the Great Basin. Expect some light showers and flurries to linger this morning on the west side and over portions of the east side into this afternoon before a dry period ensues.

Reno Weather:

A weak system will produce light snow showers this morning with the potential for slick driving conditions during the morning commute. Valley inversions will develop Friday through Sunday. Afternoon temperatures will remain below average, with a reinforcing shot of cold air arriving late week. Systems may begin to undercut the upper ridge by the middle of next week for our next chance at precipitation.

San Francisco Weather:

A weak weather system approaching from the north will result in a slight chance of precipitation over the North Bay through early afternoon. Otherwise, dry weather conditions and seasonably cool temperatures will persist through the remainder of the week and into the start of the upcoming weekend. A shift to a more progressive and wet pattern then appears likely for early next week.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

A weak system will move through Northern California this morning, otherwise mainly dry weather expected through the weekend. A slight chance of light precipitation can be expected next Monday with a stronger system possible mid-week.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure will provide dry conditions the rest of the week and into the weekend. Seasonably cool days and cold nights can be expected through the period with frost and patchy dense fog each night and morning in the San Joaquin Valley.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles weather:

Fair skies will continue the rest of the week as a high builds in. A cold Santa Ana event is expected New Year's Eve into New Year's Day. Temperatures should warm during the week but will likely remain below normal. Early next week, a storm could move in bringing chances of rain and cooler temperatures.

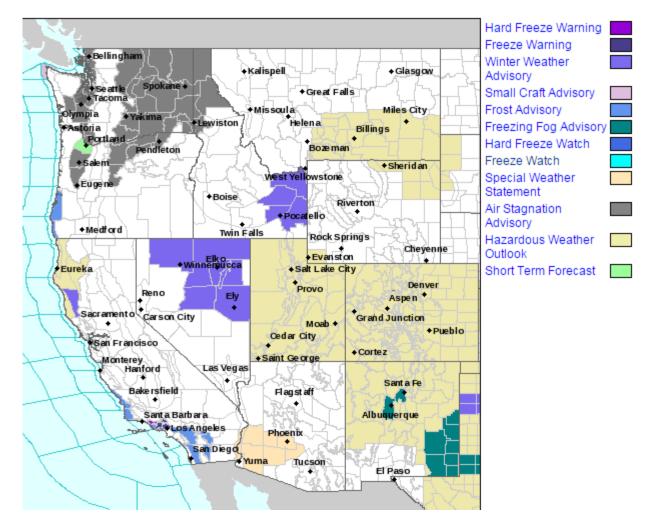
Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Another chilly night is shaping up across Southern California under clear skies. Areas of frost are likely once again in the inland valleys and lower deserts. High pressure will build into the Great Basin through Saturday, forcing dry, gusty offshore flow through and below the passes and canyons and slightly warmer days west of the mountains. Overall, the weather will be dry and seasonally cool over the holiday weekend.

Southeast California Weather:

Dry and cool conditions are expected across the region through today. Breezy north winds will return by New Year's Eve as a system develops over the Great Basin. A wetter pattern for portions of the desert southwest looks to take shape for the first part of next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY

<u>Preparedness Levels</u>

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take
 place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services
 for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may
 put the following link to the brochure on their webpage http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County),
 Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa
 Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County),
 Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada
 Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne
 County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).





Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.